



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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## NEWS FOR VETERANS

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### CHULA VISTA VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) is pleased to announce that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Dan Murray as Administrator of the Veterans Home of California at Chula Vista. This month the Veterans Home at Chula Vista set a new record for occupancy, with more than 92% of the home occupied. Dan and his team will be challenged by a very busy and diverse enterprise but CDVA is confident that they will continue to make strides in providing the best in care and service to our veterans. Dan has a broad background in long-term care management and is very active in the California Association of Health Facilities, the largest trade association in the state for long-term care facilities. A graduate of the University of Arizona, Dan is also an "alum" of the 82nd Airborne Division and an active member of the Charles Turner Post #87 of the American Legion.

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### NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE SACRAMENTO NATIONAL CEMETERY

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration completed the acquisition of the 561-acre site for the Sacramento National Cemetery Project in July 2004. The project is now in the Master Plan/ Design Development phase. Plans call for a construction contract to be awarded in September 2006 for the development of the first phase of the Sacramento National Cemetery. However, in order to provide for burials as quickly as possible, a separate fast-track construction contract will be awarded to develop initial burial section(s) and provide for temporary office and maintenance facilities. The fast-track construction is scheduled for completion at the end of calendar year 2006. For more information on the Sacramento National Cemetery visit <http://www.cem.va.gov/Sacfact.htm>.

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### THE REGISTRY OF CALIFORNIA VETERANS MEMORIALS

There are hundreds of veterans memorials in California dedicated to the men and women who have worn our nation's military uniform. These veterans' memorials range in size from the simple plaque on a wall in a public building to large structures, such as buildings, bridges and even freeways. Until recently, there has been no central repository, or Registry, for information about these memorials. State law requires the

CDVA to establish and maintain an on-line Registry of California Veterans Memorials.

The work on the Registry is a journey, not a destination, and it is our sincere hope to record information on most of the memorials in California, knowing that we may never identify and register them all. Our goal is to list the location, description and condition, and provide a map to all known veterans memorials as a further tribute to those who served in the military. With the invaluable help provided by cities, counties, veterans organizations, and members of the public, CDVA has been compiling information and adding it to the Registry.

We hope you enjoy the Registry accessible at <http://www.cdva.ca.gov/registry/default.asp> and will visit from time to time to view additional memorials as they are added.

If you know of a memorial that is not in the Registry, you will find a link below to an easy-to-complete survey form for the purpose of providing information about additional memorials. We would greatly appreciate your taking the time to print, complete and send the survey to the address indicated. A separate survey form for each memorial is required. Please provide as much relevant information as possible. Thank you very much for your help.

Click here → to [Download the survey form](#) or write us at:

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**MEMORIAL DAY 2005 EVENTS**

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